



# Media Information

Columbus Division of Police  
CAP Bureau / Homicide Unit

Date: 7/14/17 \*\*\*UPDATE\*\*\*

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Type of Offense/Incident: Homicide      Date: 7/9/17      Time: 7:20 pm  
Location of Offense/Incident: 1047 Loretta Ave.      Zone: 4      Precinct: 2  
Incident Report #: 170586836      Cruiser District: 24

Victim: Damon D. Waddell	Sex: M	Race: B	Age: 19
Victim: (NOT RELEASED)	Sex: F	Race: B	Age: 20
Victim: (NOT RELEASED)	Sex: M	Race: B	Age: 20

Suspect: David J. Echols	Address: 3267 Oaklawn St., Col's. OH 43224
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Arrested <input type="checkbox"/> Warrant on File	Sex: M      Race: B      Age: 17
Charges: Murder, Felonious Assault X2	
Suspect: James E. Echols III	Address: 3267 Oaklawn St., Col's. OH 43224
<input type="checkbox"/> Arrested <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Warrant on File	Sex: M      Race: B      Age: 22
Charges: Murder	

**Incident Summary:** On Sunday July 9, 2017 at approximately 7:20 p.m. the Columbus Division of Police received multiple calls and were requested to respond to the area of 2595 Grasmere Ave . The initial information indicated that two (2) persons were shot. A male victim later identified as Damon D. Waddell was pronounced dead at 7:26 p.m. at scene by CFD Medic 13. The female was transported to Riverside Methodist Hospital in critical condition but later upgraded to stable condition. A third victim was able to flee from the vehicle and avoid being shot. It was determined that the location of the shooting was near 1047 Loretta Ave. At this time the information gathered indicates that the suspect(s) may have known the victims from prior meetings but the exact motive is unknown at this time. No suspect(s) in custody. This case remains under investigation.

The investigation led to the above charges being filed against both David Echols and James Echols III regarding this incident. They should be considered armed and dangerous. If spotted, call the police right away. The two felonious assault victims names are not being released for their own safety.

This is the 70<sup>th</sup> homicide of 2017.

**UPDATE:** David J. Echols was arrested without incident by the Columbus Police SWAT Team on July 14th. Efforts are still underway to locate his brother James E. Echols III. He should be considered armed and dangerous. Call the police if spotted or you know his whereabouts. This investigation continues.

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